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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: PREPCOM DRAFTING GROUP BARTON GROUP MEETINGS, FEB 20-21

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1. SUMMARY: ON FEB 20-21 PREPCOM DRAFTING GROUPS COMPLETED WORK ON PRINCIPLES SECTION OF DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT AND CONTINUED WORK ON PROGRAM OF ACTION. SOVIETS INTRODUCED TEXTS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ON MEASURES AIMED AT PREVENTING DANGER OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR FOR INCLUSION IN PROGRAM OF ACTION. ON FEB 21 BARTON GROUP HEARD REPORTS OF US, USSR AND FRENCH VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. USREP SAID HE WOULD STATE AT FEB 22 PREPCOM US READINESS TO SUBMIT TO THE UN ITS NATIONAL LITARY EXPENDITURE DATA USING MATRIX DESIGNED FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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UN PILOT STUDY. END SUMMARY

2. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DRAFTING GROUPS. ON FEB 20-21, WORK CONTINUED IN THE DRAFTING GROUP DEALING WITH THE SECTION ON PRINCIPLES FOR THE DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT. THIS GROUP HAS NOW COMPLETED ITS EFFORTS AND HAS PRODUCED A HEAVILY BRACKETED TEXT. IT WILL TURN ITS ATTENTIO

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FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK TO AN INITIAL DRAFTING EFFORT ON MACHINERY. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SECRETARIAT HAS COMPLETED A TABULATION OF PROPOSALS ON MACHINERY AND RELATED SUBJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PREPCOM. (A/AC.187/104)

3. ANOTHER DRAFTING GROUP HAS BEEN CONTINUING THE WORK BEGUN LAST WEEK ON THE STRUCTURE AND INITIAL DRAFTING OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. CURRENT FOCUS IS ON THE SECTION OF THE PROGRAM DEALING WITH NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. AFTER A RATHER INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THIS SECTION (I.E., IN WHAT ORDER SHOULD VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT BE LISTED) DRAFTING GROUP IS NOW FORMULATING VARIOUS SUB-SECTIONS WITHOUT TRYING TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF SEQUENCE. A GENERAL INTRODUCTION ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN ADDITION, PRELIMINARY AND BRACKETED TEXTS ON SALT AND C CTB ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE USSR, THE US, THE UK ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN GROUP, YUGOSLAVIA AND INDIA FOR THE NON-ALIGNED, SWEDEN AND PAKISTAN HAVE TABLED TEXTS FOR VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE TEXTS WILL BE BRACKETED EITHER IN PART OR IN THEIR ENTIRETY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE FIFTH PREPCOM.

4. SOVIET DEL (STACHEVSKY) ON FEB 21 INTRODUCED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FOLLOWING TEXT ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FOR INCLUSION IN PROGRAM OF ACTION. "IT IS ESSENTIAL TO START NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENTS ON SIMULTANEOUS CESSATION BY ALL STATES OF THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH SIMULTANEOUS UNDERTAKINGS BY NUCLEAR POWERS TO BEGIN GRADUAL REDUCTION OF THE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROCEED TO THEIR COMPLETE ELIMINATION. AS AN IMMEDIATE STEP TOWARD THIS AIM AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED ON THE MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS."

5. SOVIETS ALSO INTRODUCED PARAGRAPHS ON PREVENTION OF DANGER OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR WHICH ARE DRAWN IN LARGE PART FROM DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SAME SUBJECT WHICH THEY HAD PRESSED UNSUCCESSFULLY AT 32ND UNGA. THIS TEXT INCLUDE REFERENCES TO WITHDRAWAL OF SHIPS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPON FROM CERTAIN AREAS, AND TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR CONVENTION IN NON USE OF FORCE.

6. BARTON GROUP, FEB 21. AFTER BRIEF REVIEW OF DEVELOP-

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MENTS IN PREPCOM DRAFTING GROUPS, BARTON GROUP REVIEWED
QUESTION OF DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. USREP (WEILER) OUT-
LINED US VIEWS PAR PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REFTEL A AND GAVE
GENERAL BRIEFING ON SOVIET VIEWS AS STATED BY USSR REP
STACHEVSKY (REFTEL B). FRENCH REP (MISTRAL) STATED HIS
GOVERNMENT WAS IN "ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION" TO USSR VIEWS ON
DISARMAMENT MACHINERY, NOTABLY IN REGARD TO RELATIONSHIP
OF NEGOTIATING FORUM TO UN AND METHOD OF DETERMINING
COMPOSITION OF NEGOTIATING FORUM, AND ALSO WAS IN DISAGREE
MENT WITH US IN SOME RESPECTS. MISTRAL SAID FRANCE HAD
NOT YET TABLED A DOCUMENT ON MACHINERY IN PREPCOM BECAUSE
FRANCE WANTED FIRST TO RECEIVE REACTIONS OF ITS ALLIES

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AND FRIENDS TO ITS DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES (REF C).
AS A RESULT OF THESE REACTIONS, HE SAID, FRANCE MAY NOW
MODIFY ITS PROPOSALS, NOTABLY ON ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP
OF NEGOTIATING FORUM. MISTRAL EXPECTED THAT FRANCE WILL
SUBMIT A PAPER AT NEXT PREPCOM OR AT SSOD ITSELF.

7. NORWEGIAN REP (VAERNO) REPORTED THAT FROM CONVERSATION
WITH NON-ALIGNED REPS HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT INDIAN PRO-
POSAL ON DISARMAMENT HINERY (REF D) REFLECTED
DESIRE OF INDIA TO BRING CHINESE INTO DISARMAMENT DELIBERA-
TIONS; AND TO FORESTALL RADICAL CHANGE OF THE CCD. WHILE
THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME SUPPORT FOR THESE IDEAS AMONG THE

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NON-ALIGNED, HE SAID, THEY DID NOT CONSTITUTE A NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL.

8. USREP REPORTED THAT AT FEB 22 PREPCOM HE WOULD STATE US READINESS TO SUBMIT ITS OWN NATIONAL MILITARY EXPENDITURE DATA IN THE MATRIX DEVELOPED BY UN EXPERTS. UKREP CONFIDENTIAL

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(ASHE) SAID HE WOULD MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT, BUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO SUBMIT THE DATE WOULD BE MADE CONDITIONAL ON A "REPRESENTATIVE BODY" (I.E., INCLUDING EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES) OF MEMBER STATES EXPRESSING A SIMILAR WILLINGNESS. YOUNG

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